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FOR CHARGE FROM ATHERTON

1. WITH THE HOLIDAY SEASON UPON US ONCE MORE I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO EXTEND MY GREETINGS TO YOU, THE EMBASSY STAFF, AND ALL OF YOUR FAMILIES.
2. WE HERE IN WASHINGTON ARE WELL AWARE OF THE HARDSHIPS AND FRUSTRATIONS WHICH YOU MUST FACE ON A DAILY BASIS AND HAVE GREAT ADMIRATION FOR THE HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER IN WHICH THE MISSION HAS PERFORMED ITS TASK. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR THE IMPORTANT SERVICE WHICH YOU ARE RENDERING.
3. WHILE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH YOU FIND YOURSELVES AT THIS TIME OF GOOD CHEER MAY NOT LEND THEMSELVES WELL TO MERRYMAKING, PERHAPS SOME OF THE DEEPER SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS WILL BECOME EVEN MORE MEANINGFUL AS A RESULT. I HOPE THAT THIS IS SO AND THAT IT WILL HELP TO CARRY YOU FORWARD INTO A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. KISSINGER

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